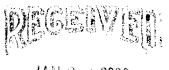
Virginia Air Board c/o Terry Darton Air Permit Manager 13901 Crown Court Woodbridge, VA 22193



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Morthern Va. Region (Morthern Va. Region)

Dear Air Board-

I strongly feel that both the Alexandria City Council and Virginia Air board should let the stack merge permit go through. Mirant Power has paid for all of the upgrades which have now made the plant both federal and state regulated. The latest step Mirant is taking in improving quality is on hold because of the constant battle over the stack merge. Not supporting this step will cause more harm than good.

I worked 38 years as an architect for the federal government in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. In addition, I worked from 1995 till my retirement on March 3, 2003 for the Medical Facility Design. Therefore, I understand about the engineering that went into the construction of the upgrades to the power plant. I am sure Mirant Power took their time and energy making sure it was correct before going forth with the upgrades.

I have been to a couple of meetings in regards to this issue and will be attending the meeting on January 25. I would like to see the outcome being that you agree to let the stack merge permit go through without any further issues or opposition. I support this permit and hope that you will as well.

Thank you for your service,

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